

published document in a form which is not usable for a user, wherein the local computer system further comprises means for receiving and processing additional protection data provided by the external data source by way of the internet, as well as a linking means which is adapted to link a storage content of the local data storage means with the additional protection data and to produce the electronically published document therefrom in a form usable, meaningful or suitable for sensory perception by the user, and wherein the local computer system comprises output means selected in accordance with the type of the document to be electronically published, adapted to call up, execute or output the document in the form usable, meaningful or suitable for sensory perception by the user, wherein the data storage means is adapted to store the electronically published document in a non-reconstructed, in particular a non-linear form, wherein the non-reconstructed document can be converted into a reconstructed linear document, which is usable by the user, by the action of the linking means, utilizing the additional protection data, characterized in that the local computer system is designed to ensure such that a local storage of the produced document in the form usable, meaningful or suitable for sensory perception is not possible, and readability or usability of the produced document is dependent, in each session, on authenticated contact or at least one temporary authenticated contact between the local computer system and the external data source via the internet.

9. (3x Amended) A method of protection representation of electronically published documents, comprising the following steps:

- establishing contact or at least one temporary contact between a local computer system and an external data source via the internet,

- calling up document data from a local data storage means which is part of the local computer system and which stores the document data in a non-reconstructed, particularly a non-linear form,
- receiving additional protection data of the external data source connected to the local computer system by way of the internet thereby making readability or usability of the produced document dependent, in each session, on authenticated contact or at least temporary authenticated contact between the local computer system and the external data source via the internet,
- linking the additional protection data to a content of the local data storage means to produce document data in a form usable, meaningful or suitable for sensory perception by the user,
- calling up, executing or outputting the document data in said form, usable, meaningful or suitable for sensory perception by the user, by means of output means selected in accordance with the type of the document to be published electronically, and
- ensuring such that a local storage of the produced document in the form usable, meaningful or suitable for sensory perception is not possible.

5 *sub 14* 14. (3x Amended) A method as set forth in claim 9 characterized in that the step of receiving the additional protection data includes the following steps:

- encoding of the additional protection data by the external data source,
- transmitting the encoded additional protection data by way of the internet, and
- decoding the encoded additional protection data by the local computer system.